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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Wolfgang SIEGEL et al.
Title: GAS FLOW DISTRIBUTOR FOR A
LATERAL AIRBAG MOUDLE
Appl. No.: 10/500,707
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Examiner: Laura B. Rosenberg
Art Unit: 3616
Confirmation No. 2461

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, Applicants hereby elect species IV, Figures 6 and 7, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 41-45, 47-63 and 65-82 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claims 41 and 81 are generic.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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